



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Anne Arundel County lies in the heart of Maryland. Its 437 miles of shoreline, proximity to metropolitan areas and to winter and summer resorts contribute to the county's overall appeal. The population of Anne Arundel County was 297,539 in 1990. Annapolis, the County Seat and State Capital, has a population of 33,187 residents.

The 1997 census of agriculture indicates there are 412 farms in the county with an average size of 84 acres per farm. Thus, there are over 34,000 acres in farms with the major production being in soybeans, corn, hay, vegetables, tobacco and wheat. The remaining acres are in pasture, woodlots, nursery stock and fruit production. The value of all agriculture production (excluding horses) is approximately \$12.6 million. Vegetable products are marketed by a variety of methods including: pick-your-own, on-farm direct retail, wholesale to local businesses, individuals, and regional wholesale markets.

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Crop	Year	Unit	Acreage Harvested	Average Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain	1997	Bu.	5,000	95.6	477,800
	1998		5,700	80.5	459,00
	1999		4,500	87.0	391,500
Corn for Silage	1997	Tons.	*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
	1999		*	*	*
Soybeans	1997	Bu.	5,200	36.6	190,200
	1998		4,400	30.0	132,000
	1999		5,000	29.2	146,100
Wheat	1997	Bu.	2,500	63.2	158,000
	1998		3,500	48.6	170,000
	1999		2,600	55.0	143,000
Hay	1997	Tons.	3,800	1.7	6,500
	1998		2,800	2.7	7,600
	1999		3,100	1.1	3,400
Barley	1997	Bu.	*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
	1999		*	*	*
Tobacco	1997	Lbs.	*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
	1999		600	1,480	888,800

Crop Production Rank among MD. Counties, 1999				Livestock Inventories Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 ¹	
Corn	18	Oats	³	Cattle	19
Wheat	19	Barley	³	Hogs	19
Hay	19	Soybeans	18	Sheep	19
Tobacco	³			Milk Production	³

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Farm Numbers & Size ¹		1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms		567	477	412
Average Size (acres)		75	91	84
Land in Farms (acres)		42,413	43,320	34,679
Livestock (Number on Farms) ¹		1987	1992	1997
Cattle Inventory	Jan. 1	3,386	3,531	2,149
Hog Inventory	Dec. 1	1,862	827	203
Sheep Inventory	Jan. 1	352	187	227
Value of Sales ¹		1987	1992	1997

----- Thousand Dollars -----				
All Products		8,453	11,234	12,621
Crops		6,613	9,741	10,040
Livestock, Poultry and Poultry Products		1,840	1,493	2,582

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.
² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
³ Unranked - Data not published.
⁴ Revised.
* Acreage too small to publish.

MONTHLY WEATHER DATA - 1999

MONTH	AVERAGE TEMP. (F)	NORMAL 1961-1990	TOTAL RAINFALL (INCHES)	NORMAL 1961-1990
January	38.6	33.6	4.91	3.25
February	40.8	36.1	2.37	3.18
March	44.1	45.2	3.82	3.63
April	57.3	54.8	2.51	3.40
May	66.2	64.6	1.51	4.06
June	74.5	73.5	3.42	3.35
July	81.6	77.6	3.08	3.58
August	77.8	76.3	6.23	3.90
September	70.7	70.0	15.21	3.26
October	57.8	58.4	2.60	3.31
November	54.1	48.1	3.58	3.45
December	41.9	38.4	4.22	3.44
Annual	58.8	56.4	53.46	41.81

Number frost free days for 1999	202
Normal frost free days 1951-1980	199 <i>(1961-1990 Not available)</i>
Highest temperature 07-07-99	100
Lowest temperature 03-13-99	10

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